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Professor J. L. Morison,

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Dear Professor Morison:

I shall be glad to hear from Principal Gordon with regard to the proposal that the Canadian Universities should form a battalion or regiment for active service. It is quite possible that if a second contingent is sent and that the demand for men continues we should form one, but at present it seems to me that the most practical steps are for us to drill and practise rifle shooting so that if there is a regiment required we could have the men ready to be put into it. These are the steps that we are now taking while we are waiting permission from Ottawa to establish an Officers Training Corps. We have our Rifle Association that has been in existence for some years, and at the opening of the term we hope that some hundreds of students will join it, and they will go into drill and rifle practice at once. This would be the nucleus of a more permanent organisation and then if the necessity arises for a regiment we could turn the students of that organisation into the new unit, or at least as many of them as would volunteer for it. I agree with you as to the seriousness of the situation, and believe that our men will respond generously.

Yours sincerely,

President.